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SUBJECT VEB Walzwerk Willy Becker
Kirchmoeser: Distribution
of May 1955 Production

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1. The following May 1955 distribution quotas apply to the Willy Becker rolling mill in Kirchmoeser:

- a. To the Metals Trade Central (DEZ-M) 14,000 tons
b. To the consumers directly from the mill 2,800 tons

2. Of the May 1955 production, the following amounts were distributed by the Willy Becker rolling mill:

- a. To the Metals Trade Central 4,072 tons bar iron
9,370 tons sheet metal
b. To the consumers directly from the mill 3,201 tons bar iron and
sheet metal
826 tons scrap metal
245 tons slurry coal
(Kohlenabrieb)

3. During May 1955, approximately 60 freight cars arrived at the plant bringing about 10,000 tons of Czech raw metal products. Also, in June, at intervals of three to four days, ten to fifteen freight cars of Czech ingot slab (Brammen) and metal billets (Knueppel) were delivered to the mill for processing. These shipments have continued because the two main suppliers of the Willy Becker rolling mill, the Brandenburg steel mill and the Unterwellenborn iron and steel mill, have been able to deliver only small quantities since the end of April.¹

1. ☐ Comment: Because of the scrap metal shortage, steel mills are not permitted to turn out the requisite quantities of raw metal products.

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